



State Medical Assistance and Services Advisory Council

225 E. 16th Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
October 22, 2014
6:00pm – 7:45pm
MINUTES

ATTENDING:

Council Present: Andrew Davis (Chair), An Nguyen (Co-Chair), Peter McNally, Vicki Vowell, Nancy Stokes, Blain Olsen, Mark Thrun, Ruth O'Brien, Blair Wyles

Council Absent: J. Scott Ellis, Rebecca Lefebvre, Louise Vail, Theresa McCoy, Robert Bremer, Steve Holloway

HCPF Representatives: Jeannette Jansson, Rachel Prodani

CDPHE Representative: None

HCPF Presenters: Kimberley Smith, Alex Weichselbaum, Murielle Romine, Parish Steinbrecher, Emily Moncrief

Guests: None

Meeting called to order and September minutes were approved with one change.

Transplant Standards

Kimberly Smith, and Alex Weichselbaum presented 5 New Standards – 4 remaining transplant standards, and a Substance Use Disorder Standard.

Remaining transplant standards (Lung, Pancreas, Multivisceral Small Bowel, and Liver) were written back in 2011 as were the previous standards reviewed during the September meeting. HCPF is seeking feedback. Council is waiting for feedback from colleagues. There is no deadline for feedback on the current standards. HCPF will take the standards to the Children's Services Steering Committee for their feedback on Friday.

Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Benefit – it was brought before a fee-for-service stakeholder meeting which included providers, as well as representatives from Denver Health, Arapahoe House, etc. People were generally supportive as standard was written. Issues raised in that meeting were: Who could provide the services specifically, and policy/billing of methadone.

Question from council regarding whether screening for substance use would be covered by benefit? Initial drug screening would be a different benefit based on a scored screening, available to non-behavioral health staff. Screening is covered, but outside of the Substance Use Disorder Benefit document. This benefit is specifically a fee-for-service benefit, and for those who are not enrolled in the Community Behavioral Health Services program.

Colorado Opportunity Project

Murielle Romine presented an overview of the Colorado Opportunity Project. Project is a social mobility framework based off of the Brookings Institute Model that seeks to identify specific indicators for success broken up by life stage. A couple years ago Governor Hickenlooper directed the top state agencies in health care delivery to find a way to create shared measures.

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DHS, HCPF, and CDPHE are what formed the tri-agency group. HCPF took the lead with the other agencies to develop particular indicators that are Colorado specific.

What has been done so far?

- Initially brought the Social Genome Model and these indicators to the executive level of the state agencies and determine if there was interest in wanting to pursue the CO specific framework.
- A project goal was determined: Increasing the proportion of adults—particularly from disadvantaged circumstances—who are middle class by middle age.
- Steering committee is looking at programs to include in the framework that are proven to work.
- Initial challenges: data, public/policymaker perception, stakeholder identification and involvement.

What Now?

- More work to do on the framework with steering committee
- Expand steering committee membership
- 2015 Summit
- Reform payment methodologies – possibly one of the most challenging pieces
- Roadmap
- Identify pilot community – possibly by summer 2015

Commit Project

Parish Steinbrecher presented an overview of the Commit Project. Goal is to procure new pharmacy benefits management system (PBMS), business intelligence data management system (BIDM), and MMIS.

- RFP was won by HP to become new fiscal agent and MMIS vendor.
- Colbalt is the current MMIS system, and changes now takes 10 months. In the future same day changes are possible.
- November 1st, 2016 is the current anticipated fully functional date.
- Provider enrollment process is anticipated to begin September 15, 2015 and run through July 1, 2016.

SCI Waiver Amendment

Emily presented the Spinal Cord Injury Waiver.

- HCPF will be submitting an amendment to add Hospital level of care to the waiver.
- Updating waiting list procedures
- Revise the Life Safety Code survey process.

Round Robin

The meeting adjourned